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Status Of Claims

Upon entry of this amendment original claims 1, 2 and 15-22 containing allowable subject matter are pending in this application. Kindly cancel claims 3-14 without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added.

Amendments To The Title & Specification

The title of the invention and aspects of the specification stand objected to (Office Action, pages 2-3). Applicants have provided a new Title and amended the Specification in accordance with the Examiner's requests (Id). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of all objections to the Title and Specification.

Response To Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 112

Claims 3-14 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112. In order to advance the prosecution of this application, claims 3-14 are canceled herein. Thus, this rejection is most and Applicants kindly request the withdrawal of all rejections under 35 USC § 112.

Response To Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 102

Claims 3 and 5-7 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) over DE 27 41 954 A1. As discussed above, claims 3 and 5-7 have been canceled rendering this rejection moot. Thus, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of all rejections under 35 USC 102(b).

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